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SUBJECT: SAUDI PRESS COVERAGE, VANCE MISSION, FEBRUARY 20

1. VANCE MISSION SHARED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE WITH RIYADH VISIT
PLO CHIEF YASSIR ARAFAT ALL MAJOR DAILIES. ACCORDING TO NEWS
REPORTS, ARAFAT DEPARTED RIYADH TWO HOURS BEFORE VANCE
TOUCH DOWN.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT FEATURED RECURRENT THEME OF ARAB MODERATION
AND ISRAELI STUBBORNESS. INSIDE EDITORIAL ARABIC-
LANGUAGE AL-MADINA WELCOMED VANCE AND REMINDED HIM THAT HE
"SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT ARABS HAVE BEEN PATIENT FOR A LONG
TIME AND WE ARE NOW LOOKING AHEAD TOWARDS PRESIDENT
CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE SINCERE EFFORTS IN THE
DIFFICULT PROCESS OF ACHIEVING PEACE." FRONT PAGE
EDITORIAL ARABIC-LANGUAGE UKAZ CRITICIZED ISRAEL FOR
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INTRANSIGENCE, PROCRASTINATION AND EXPANSIONISM. ENGLISH-
LANGUAGE ARAB NEWS OBSERVED INSIDE EDITORIAL THAT ARAFAT
VISIT SHORTLY BEFORE VANCE ARRIVAL SHOWS PALESTINIANS
"HAVE OBVIOUSLY ENTRUSTED THE SAUDIS WITH THE TASK OF
CONVEYING THEIR SENTIMENTS TO THE AMERICANS". THIS ACT,
ACCORDING TO EDITORIAL, SHOULD "GO A LONG WAY TOWARD
ALLAYING AMERICAN FEARS ABOUT THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT'S

POLITICAL HUE". AL-JAZIRAH (ARABIC LANGUAGE) STATED THAT
THE ARABS HAVE SHOWN A "REASSURING DESIRE FOR A JUST PEACE"
AND THAT U.S. SEEMS MORE APPRECIATIVE OF MIDDLE EAST
ISSUE. HOWEVER, THE EDITORIAL CONTINUED, ISRAEL IS STILL
THE OBSTACLE IN PEACE EFFORTS.
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